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In re Application of:

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Examiner:

T. Barrett

or: CODING OF SYRINGES TO MONITOR THEIR USE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231 January 13, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action dated October 11, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows: